THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

States affected due to breakage of Kosi river in Nepal

922. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many States in the country were affected with floods caused due to the breakage of Kosi river in Nepal;

(b) how many deaths occurred due to the floods this year in the country; and

(c) whether Government has any programmes to restructure the country's disaster management system in the wake of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Due to breach is eastern afflux bund in Kosi barrage on 18th August, 2008, about 80% of Kosi water changed course and flooded north-eastern parts of Bihar only.

(b) As per information received from the State Governments/Union Territory Governments, 3402 human lives reported to have been lost due to cyclonic storms, floods, and landslides etc., during 2008.

(c) In order to strengthen the existing disaster management system, the Disaster Management Act, 2005 was enacted and notified on December 26, 2005 to provide for institutional mechanisms for drawing up and monitoring the implementation of the disaster management plans, ensuing measures by various wings of Government for prevention and mitigating effects of disasters and for undertaking a holistic, coordinated, and prompt response to any disaster situation.

As per the Act, the Central Government has constituted the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with the responsibility for laying down the policies, plans, and guidelines for disaster managements.

Relief and rehabilitation for Tsunami affected areas

923. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even nearly after four years of Tsunami disaster, the expectation of many small villages in Southern States where wreckage occurred, Relief and Rehabilitation (R and R) has not been provided;

(b) if so, whether Government has addressed itself to provide R and R in such small villages in all the affected areas of far flung places either in Andaman and Nicobar Islands or remote southern States;

(c) the financial outlay during the last three years for such R and R work and whether all the funds were spent; and

(d) whether Government has an effective monitoring set-up to supervise this and what is its efficacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) The primary responsibility of 'response' to disasters in terms of carrying out immediate rescue and providing relief rests with the State Governments. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing Financial Assistance. Tsunami affected States/Union Territories are implementing "Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme" (TRP) through their implementing agencies in consultation with the concerned Central Ministries/Departments.

(b) A Core Group has been constituted in the Planning Commission to address the long term issues and to plan and coordinate measures relating to reconstruction and rehabilitation in the Tsunami affected States/UTs. The Government has also constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) in respect of the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) and to review its physical and financial progress. The EGOM is serviced by the Planning Commission.

(c) The total financial assistance required during 2005-06 to 2008-09 was Rs. 9135.66 crores (excluding Rs. 678.48 crores given to Ministry of Shipping for reconstruction of ports and jetties and Rs. 7.95 crores relating to activity of Core Group. The expenditure incurred by Tsunami affected States/Union Territories on rehabilitation and reconstruction work up to September, 2008 was Rs. 4242.90 crores.

(d) The EGOM while approving the TRP package decided that the States/UTs should set quarterly targets for implementation of the programme and communicate the progress to the Planning Commission. Five meetings of EGOM were held on 8.12.2005, 10.01.2007, 02.03.2007, 07.09.2007 and 16.05.2008.

Measures for modernization of police

924. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken for modernization of police in the country, State-wise;

(b) the allocation of Plan expenditure for modernization of police force for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that of the total Plan expenditure of Rs. 715.25 crores for police this year, only 10.7 per cent has been utilized until January, 2009;

(d) whether it is also a fact that only 25 per cent was spent by NSG of its total allocation till December, 2008; and

(e) if so, the reasons behind this sluggishness in spending the money allocated to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing a Non-Plan Scheme namely, "Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces" (MPF) to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, especially for meeting the emerging